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The reply filed on 11/4/2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s). The species election requirement clearly states that "The reply must also identify

the claims readable on the elected species, including any claims subsequently added." Applicants statement that "At least Claims 21-26 and 28-36, read on the elected species." does not fulfill this requirement as it is vague and incomplete. Applicants are required to specifically point out ALL claims that read on the elected species.

Claims 21-26 and 28-36, read". See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to Lorraine M. Spector. Dr. Spector can normally be reached Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at telephone number 571-272-0893.

If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, please contact the Examiner's supervisor, Ms. Brenda Brumback, at telephone number 571-272-0961.

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